MindDrive™

MINDGAMES™

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PC Compatible

MindGames™ Quick Reference Guide

Welcome to MindGames — MindBlox, PlanetBall, and MindWings. **Click Help** on the main menu of any game for a full online manual.

System Requirements

MindGames contains three DOS games, each designed to run on the following minimum system configuration:

- An IBM® PC or 100% compatible computer
- 512K of free conventional memory
- A 486SX/25 or higher CPU
- 4MB RAM (8MB recommended)
- DOS 5.0 or higher
- 6MB of free Hard Drive space available
- A 256-color VGA display or better
- A 100% Microsoft® compatible mouse
- A SoundBlaster™ or 100% compatible sound card
- A CD ROM drive
- Complete MindDrive hardware

Installation:

To install either MindBlox, MindWings, or Planetball directly from Windows.

1. Turn on your PC

2. Make sure the MindDrive is connected to your computer, AC adapter, serial cable, and finger sensor. (See your MindDrive User's Manual for proper installation.)

3. Put the **MindGames CD** in your CD ROM drive with the label side up.

> ***IMPORTANT:*** *Changing the directory name or program file names will prevent the program from running properly. If you need to move the program to another directory, re-install it from the CD.*

Installing from Windows 95:

a. Open **Windows Explorer** (To access Windows Explorer, **click Start**, **Programs**, and **Windows Explorer**).

b. Double-click your CD ROM drive (usually **D**:).

c. Select the individual MindGame folder you wish. Select **mblox** for MindBlox, **mwings** for MindWings, or **planetb** for Planetball.

d. Double-click the icon named **install.exe**. Follow the on-screen installation instructions.

Installing from Windows 3.1:

a. Open **File Manager**

b. Select your CD ROM drive (usually **D:**).

c. Select the individual MindGame folder you wish. (Select **mblox** for MindBlox, **mwings** for MindWings, or **planetb** for Planetball.)

d. Once within the MindGame folder, **double-click** the file named **install.exe**.

e. Follow the on-screen instructions to install the game on your hard disk.

Installing from DOS:

a. The **C:\>** will appear.

b. Insert the **MindGames CD** into your CD ROM drive.

c. Type the name of your CD ROM drive (usually **D**:) and press **Enter**. Note: Substitute your CD ROM drive letter as needed. For example, type **E**: and press **Enter**.

d. Select the individual MindGame directory you wish. (Type **cd\mblox** for MindBlox, type **cd\mwings** for MindWings, or type **cd\planetb** for Planetball) and press **Enter**.

e. Type the word **install** and press **Enter**.

f. On-screen **set up** instructions will appear. Follow the on-screen installation instructions.

Choose the settings that best fit your system. Make sure your COM port selection matches the actual COM port connected with your MindDrive. If you wish to change your setup settings later, type **setup** in the same directory in which you installed your game.

Starting MindGames™

Starting the Game:

1. At the DOS prompt, set the path to where the game of your choice is installed. For example, if you used the installation defaults you should type **cd\mblox** for MindBlox, **cd\planetb** for Planetball, and **cd\mwings** for MindWings and then press the **Enter** key. (If you used the CD-based install process, insert your **MindGames CD** into the drive.)

2. To start the program, type **mblox** for MindBlox, **planetb** for Planetball, or **mwings** for MindWings and press **Enter**.

3. If this is your first time running a MindGame (and you installed it from Windows), you may be prompted to enter **setup** information about your system. Make sure your **COM port selection** matches the actual COM port connected with your MindDrive.

4. To change your COM port or other settings later, access the game directory of your choice (type **cd\mblox** for MindBlox, type **cd\mwings** for MindWings, or type **cd\planetb** for Planetball). At the directory prompt, type **setup**.

Starting a MindGame from Windows 95:

a. Exit to DOS by clicking the **Start** button.

b. Click **Shut Down**.

c. Click **Restart the Computer in MS-DOS**

mode. (Click the **Yes** button.)

d. At the DOS prompt follow the "Starting the Game" instructions above.

Starting a MindGame from Windows 3.1:

a. Exit to DOS by clicking on **File** in the top left corner of your Program Manager.

b. Click on **Exit Windows**.

c. Click on **Okay** at the prompt.

d. At the DOS prompt follow the "Starting the Game" instructions above.

Once a MindGame is loaded, you are ready to play. **Click** the **Help** button on the main menu of each game for full online instructions. **Click** the **Options** button to adjust volume and other effects.

Four Important Tips For Using Your Finger Sensor

1. Keep the sensor loose on your finger.
2. Don't squeeze the sensor with your fingertip.
3. Relax your muscles — especially in your shoulders and arms. Relaxing your muscles is the key to successful control.
4. Avoid abrupt hand or body movements.

Playing A MindGame

To play **MindBlox** and **MindWings** simply click **Play** with your mouse. For **PlanetBall,** click **Basic Game** or **Expert Series**.

The name of the player who last played the game appears. If this space says "**Default**", click it to enter your own name. Now you'll enter the **MindDrive Settings** screen.

1. **Click New Name** to enter your name.
2. Type your name.
3. **Press Enter**.
4. **Click Okay** and you'll be at the Main Menu again.
5. Start the Game

General Rules of Control

Some games allow movement in only two directions while other games allow movement in four. In each game, control works differently for every individual, so there is no "one way" to do it. Read your MindDrive User's Manual or **click Help** on the Main Menu for a full online manual.

We offer the following suggestions:

Moving left: Increase "left side" thoughts to turn left.

Moving right: Relax into "right side" thoughts to turn right.

Moving up: Raise your thoughts upwards to move up.

Playing MindGames™

MindBlox	
Spacebar	Toggles MindDrive control between left/right and rotation modes. You can also use your mouse to click on the screen.
Shift Keys	Drops a block down immediately (allowed only five times per game).
Up Arrow	Increase the speed of falling blocks.
Down Arrow	Decrease the speed of falling blocks.
Alt	Drop Bomb (allowed only three times per game).
Esc	Pause Menu (see MindWings)
S	Restart a round
T	Show top scores
X, Q	Quit
G	Change Galaxies (must be in pause mode)
P	Pauses game
F1	Online Manual
F2	MindDrive Settings

PlanetBall	
Spacebar	Toggles the Probe's left/right and up/down direction.
Esc	Pause menu (main menu, Resume, Help, Settings)
F1	Online Manual
F2	MindDrive Settings

MindWings	
Spacebar	Launches Icarus and toggles his left/right direction.
Enter	Fires Apollo's Spear (appears in later levels). Only fires one shot.
Esc	Pause menu includes (main menu, MindDrive Settings, Options, Top Scores).
P	Pause
F1	Online Manual
F2	MindDrive Settings
F3	Game legend

The main menu screens are designed to work with either mouse or keyboard. To change on-screen selections, use the **TAB, Arrow**, and **Enter** keys.

MindDrive Setting Adjustments™

Moving down: Lower your thought activity and relax into downward movement.

MindBlox

Object: Steer the falling blocks into horizontal rows of ten before they reach the top of the screen. Try to hit the flashing pad for more points.

MindWings

Object: Fly from island to island, avoiding obstacles while collecting as many points as possible before your ever-melting wings fall apart. Keep your eye on the red Strength Bar at the bottom of the screen.

PlanetBall

Object: Dodge obstacles and strange creatures while attempting to grab all the crystals before time runs out.

MindDrive Setting Adjustments

MindDrive Sensitivity Settings may need to be adjusted for each individual.

From the main menu of any game, **click MindDrive Settings** or **Settings** to reach the MindDrive Settings screen. Before adjusting anything, always try using the default settings.

When changing settings, you have the following two options:

1. Thought Signal Sensitivity
2. Game Play Sensitivity

You should always try adjusting the Thought Signal Sensitivity first. If that doesn't work, try adjusting the Game Play Sensitivity setting.

Thought Signal Sensitivity

Like a stereo volume control, Thought Signal Sensitivity adjusts the amplification as well as the frequency filtering of your thought signals in the MindDrive. Since some people generate lower thought patterns than others, they may wish to raise their Thought Signal Sensitivity setting (slide to the right), allowing the MindDrive to respond to their thoughts more easily. Different MindDrive users, on the other hand, may need to lower their Thought Signal Sensitivity (slide to the left).

Game Play Sensitivity

This setting changes the speed at which on-screen objects react to the MindDrive.

- Increase the Game Play Sensitivity to move the object more quickly left and right or up and down.
- Decrease the Game Play Sensitivity to "hold" your direction more easily.

Experiment to discover the Thought Signal and Game Play Sensitivity settings that work best for you.

Saving Your Settings

1. Go to the **MindDrive Settings** screen.
2. Change your settings.
3. **Click OK**.

The **Cancel** button returns you to the main menu without saving your changes.

Troubleshooting

If you experience any problem with the MindDrive, run the **MindDrive Tutorial CD** and read your MindDrive User's Manual before calling Technical Support. You should also try the online **Help** manual (located on the main menu of all the MindGames.) In general, try checking:

- The Finger Sensor connection.
- The serial cable running between your PC and the MindDrive.
- The MindDrive unit (The red light should be lit.)
- The MindDrive AC power adapter. (Make sure it's properly plugged into both the MindDrive and the electrical socket.)
- Your settings — be sure you're using your own settings and that they are on.
- Your **COM port** selection. Type **setup** in the same directory you installed the game. Make sure your COM port selection matches the actual port connected with your MindDrive.

If all of the above are okay, try **clicking Reset** from the MindDrive Settings Screen (red light should flash) of your software. If that doesn't work:

- Turn off your computer.
- Turn off your MindDrive microconsole (red light off).
- Restart your MindDrive, computer, and software.

Troubleshooting

If all else fails, call Technical Support at 1 (800) 222-2363.

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